

Questions and Answers

RFP: 2nd Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant

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- 1) **Question:** Is a county eligible to apply for a 2nd Upstate Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction (2nd UFDQICR) grant if it has previously been awarded a grant under the 1st UFDQICR grant or an Upstate Model Family Representation Office grant?

Answer: Yes. Section IV of the RFP (“Who is Eligible to Apply”) indicates that New York State counties, other than counties wholly encompassed within New York City, are eligible to apply. There is no other limitation on eligibility.

- 2) **Question:** For counties that were awarded the 1st UFDQICR, is this 2nd UFDQICR grant opportunity a “bookend” to, or continuation of, the 1st UFDQICR grant, where costs from the 1st UFDQICR need to be carried over to the 2nd UFDQICR, much like ILS distributions (i.e., Distribution 13 continues the funding in Distribution 10)?

Answer: No, this 2nd UFDQICR grant opportunity is not a continuation of the 1st UFDQICR. It is a new and separate grant opportunity.

- 3) **Question:** If this is not a “bookend” or continuation of the 1st UFDQICR, should we now move to entirely different ideas (for example, adding a caseworker/mitigation specialist) and avoid duplication of the 1st UFDQICR?

Answer: As stated in response to Question 2, this 2nd UFDQICR is a new funding opportunity and not a continuation of the 1st UFDQICR. To determine what to propose in response to this RFP, counties should carefully review the entirety of the 2nd UFDQICR RFP.

- 4) **Question:** Can we expect future grants to carry forward costs and expenses from the 1st UFDQICR and the 2nd UFDQICR?

Answer: Continuation of all ILS grant funding is dependent on the availability of State funding. ILS strives to obtain the State funding needed to continue the programs created and implemented with ILS funding.